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C O N F I D E N T I A L KINSHASA 3381

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CG, PFOR, ZA, MOPS

SUBJECT: ZAIRE BOMBING OF ZAMBIAN VILLAGES

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1. REFTTEL REPORTED CONCERN OF ZAIRIAN MILITARY ABOUT REPORT OF POSSIBLE INFILTRATION OF HOSTILE FORCES FROM REGION OF SOLWEZI IN ZAMBIA ACROSS BORDER TOWARD KOLWEZI. MOBUTU ALSO MENTIONED THIS REPORT DURING CONVERSATION WITH ME, ADDING THAT HE SUSPECTED SOME OF FORCES THAT SEIZED MUTSHATSHA HAD TRANSITED ZAMBIAN TERRITORY. WE HAVE HAD NO INDICATION, HOWEVER, THAT FAZ PLANNED ANY AIR STRIKES INTO ZAMBIA OR CONFIRMATION THAT SUCH STRIKES HAVE IN FACT BEEN CARRIED OUT.

2. I NEVERTHELESS BELIEVE IMPLICATIONS OF REPORTS ARE SUFFICIENTLY SERIOUS TO WARRANT OUR RAISING THIS WITH GOZ. IF CONFIRMED AND PUBLICIZED, ATTACKS SUCH AS THOSE REPORTED COULD HAVE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES NOT ONLY IN TERMS OF ZAMBIA'S PROVISION OF MUCH-CONFIDENTIAL

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NEEDED POL AND OTHER SUPPLIES, BUT FROM STANDPOINT OF POTENTIAL NEGATIVE IMPACT ON OUR OWN EFFORTS TO ASSIST GOZ AND GENERAL RISK OF BROADENING CONFLICT. FACT ALONE THAT THERE ARE AMERICANS LIVING IN AREA ALLEGEDLY BOMBED WOULD SEEM TO JUSTIFY OUR APPROACHING GOZ.

3. I WOULD ASSUME ZAMBIANS ARE RAISING THIS MATTER DIRECTLY

WITH ZAIRIANS, WHICH WOULD SEEM LOGICAL FIRST STEP. OTHER
PARTIES MORE DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN SHABA PROBLEM, AS WELL AS
BRITISH, WOULD ALSO SEEM TO HAVE AN INTEREST.

4. REQUEST DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE.
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